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## **REXFORD WOMAN CONVICTED OF HARBORING AN ILLEGAL ALIEN**

Albany, New York — A jury convicted Annie George, a/k/a Annie Kolath, a/k/a Sajimol George, age 40, of harboring an illegal alien following a five-day trial announced United States Attorney Richard S. Hartunian and Matthew Scarpino, Resident Agent-in-Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). Sentencing is scheduled for July 9, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. before the Honorable Gary L. Sharpe, Chief U.S. District Judge. George faces a maximum term of imprisonment of five years and a fine of up to \$250,000.

According to the indictment, George harbored an illegal alien from India between about November 2005 and May 3, 2011 in George's homes in Catskill, Menands, and Rexford, New York.

United States Attorney Hartunian stated: "This case demonstrates our commitment to investigate and prosecute those who harbor illegal aliens. We commend the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's HSI for the thoroughness and professionalism demonstrated by their Special Agents throughout the course of this case."

"Today's conviction is a testament to our solemn commitment to protect those who cannot protect themselves," said Matthew Scarpino, Resident Agent-in-Charge of HSI Albany. "HSI is committed to giving the victims the help they need to come forward with vigorous enforcement and tough penalties."

This case was investigated by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). This case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Rick Belliss.

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